

## STRUCK IN THE BACK

A Correspondent for The Democrat Strikes a Blow

## AGAINST THE SUPERIOR COURT

He Hears "The Herald" and Is Convinced That the Court Is "Utterly Worthless."

Following is a letter which appeared in yesterday's Democrat. The writer is evidently very familiar with the business transacted in the superior court. His reasoning is profoundly impressive. He strikes at the utterly useless and extravagant tribunal with crushing force. It is, perhaps, the best written and most thoroughly convincing argument among many others in favor of the abolishment of the court that has appeared in The Democrat. He shows, with clearness, that the court, if it were useful, has outlived its usefulness. All the criminal business heretofore sent to the superior court is now transacted by the police court and the justice court, leaving for that tribunal only a few minor cases. All this the writer shows with such distinctness that nobody can be so reckless of the truth as to dispute him. His characterization of the court "utterly worthless" is emphasized by the fact that all criminal cases of any importance are sent to the circuit and the minor crimes are properly disposed of in the courts ranking as to intelligence and limited jurisdiction with the "one horse" court against which his shafts of sarcasm are hurled with telling power. The letter is as follows:

EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT—I have been kicking myself all the morning since I read the convincing editorial in this morning's Herald on "The Superior Court Calendar." How I could have been so blind as to have signed a protest against the abolition of that utterly worthless "one horse" court is more than I can see. Just think of it! Only twenty-one criminal cases, some of them for sentence only, eight liquor cases and the other nine ranging from only one death sentence to four life terms. Can it be possible? Not one criminal case of any magnitude. Scarcely any violations of the liquor law. The criminal business might be disposed of in two days. Not a case of highway robbery; no citizen knocked down and robbed on our principal residence streets; not a single case of assault upon little girls; no murders or manslaughter; and the criminal calendar of two terms ago with its seventy-four criminal cases have dwindled down to only one death sentence, four cases of larceny and a few violations of the liquor law. What are we coming to? At this rate of decrease in crime, it will only be a term or two before that "one horse" superior court and its judge will not leave a single criminal case of any description as the basis for a calendar. Now I am satisfied that something must be done, and done quickly, before the criminal element entirely abandons our thriving city and leaves us without a single representative of that important financial element. Just to think of a city of nearly 100,000 population, with electric lights, electric roads and navigable river and all other modern metropolitan paraphernalia and that one essential element the criminal crushed out through the cool, deliberate, premeditated actions of one single little, insignificant fourth-class "one horse" superior court. If that court is not abolished right away and the present judge removed immediately, the city will be a laughing stock which he came, who can safely predict that we will have a single criminal case as a basis for a May term, which must result in untold misfortune; for in such case a jury would have to be discharged without drawing any pay from the county. Our jail, built at an enormous expense, would be empty. Our police headquarters would become a useless ornament to our city, and contractors could not bid on additions to our city prisons. These and other evils of a similar nature are forced upon our otherwise enterprising city. Other cities of our size have large and constantly increasing criminal calendars. Is there any good reason why our city, equal in other respects to enterprises, should be forced to submit to a constant decrease in crime? There seems to me to be but one certain remedy against this lamentable state of affairs, and that is to immediately abolish that "one horse" superior court and its present judge.

March 15. PRACTISING ATTORNEY.

## BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

The Ann Arbor Strike Takes on a New Aspect.

TOLEDO, O., March 16.—With the refusal of the Ann Arbor strikers to accept the settlement agreed upon by James M. Ashley, the president of the road, and State Commissioner Kirkby, all negotiations for a compromise have been declared off, and it is apparently war to the knife now between the Brotherhood and the company. Chief Arthur made the statement this evening that the engineers on other roads connecting with the Ann Arbor will refuse to take any freight from that line, and if one or any of them is discharged for such action, a general strike will be ordered. President Ashley says that his company will have much freight to move tomorrow evening, so that the prospective trouble is likely to commence at that time.

## Shot in a Row.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 16.—At Rapid River, yesterday, in a row, Frank St. Peter shot and probably mortally wounded John J. Deane, an old, well-known local hunter. St. Peter was arraigned yesterday and bound over for further examination.

## State News in Brief.

The Illinois consul at Chicago knows nothing about Del Carlo, the Italian who was killed at Battle Creek, but makes the suggestion that the dead man's money be forwarded to him to be

turned over to Del Carlo's wife when found.

The nearest man in the state has been found in Matthew Wilson of Muskegon, who got money from sympathetic persons to bury his wife, Mrs. Wilson, who was killed when her husband was shot.

William and Fred Koch, who live near Bay City, had a quarrel and William threw an ax at his brother, which struck him in the face, splitting it open. Fred will recover, but William has skipped.

Richard Sly, the man who was shot through the head by Charles Brown at Jackson, has become a raving maniac and has to be confined in a padded cell.

Mrs. Bertha Johnson of Cheesaning was found in a ditch nearly frozen to death. Whether she was struck by a train or held up is unknown.

The G. R. B. C. of Lansing gave its annual minstrel performance Wednesday night, clearing \$400. The papers roasted it for half a column.

Tecumseh will have a new state bank, known as the Tecumseh State bank. J. H. Smith will be cashier and business will begin April 20.

At the meeting of the Adventists' book canvassers at Battle Creek, a new scheme is worked. The agents are given two meals a day.

Jackson's board of education is in a quandary. More schools are needed on the east side, and how to get them is the question.

Frank Rosegard, the victim of a stabbing affray at Bay City, died last night. John Moschel will be tried for the murder.

The Jackson Electric Light company is enlarging its plant. The stockholders obey the biblical injunction: "Let there be light."

The Muskegon church burglars have been caught in the persons of George Pierce, aged 18 years, and Jerry Smith.

Jackson democrats are wild over an alleged bogus call for a convention which appeared in one of the papers.

J. M. Young, a Caro business man, died suddenly at Saginaw Wednesday night of neuritis of the heart.

Muskegon is about to have a Citizens' league to battle with crime. A public bath is the first thing needed.

Congressman Burrows says he will go to Hawaii if some generous soul will pay all expenses, including cigars.

Owen C. Pearl, the Holland farmer convicted of incest, has been sentenced to Jackson for twenty years.

The Catholic women of Big Rapids have found a novel idea in a St. Patrick's day supper.

The reports of the flood sent out from Portland appear to have been slightly exaggerated.

Fremont saved himself from a flood by digging ditches to run off the surplus water.

Ionian again has telephone communication with the outside world.

Scarlet fever at Clare has closed the schools.

Muskegon still has sleighing.

## Ionia Firm Assigns.

IONIA, Mich., March 16.—T. S. Barris, Jr. & Co., dealers in agricultural implements, made an assignment at noon today. They did a very extensive business. S. R. Gorham is made assignee.

## Michigan Pensioners.

Original—Benjamin Overholzer. Increase—Conrad Kreutzer.

## BAD DAY FOR DUCKS.

Ex-President Harrison Has Little Sport But Much Rest.

HANAN, Ill., March 16.—Ex-President Harrison and party are now located one mile north of Liverpool, eighteen miles north of here. Upon arrival they went on board the hunting boat Marion. They will hunt at Prickett's Landing and Thompson lake slough for a few days, and then expect to go to Spring Lake. It is too early for ducks and the zero weather has caused the party to remain indoors. General Harrison declares himself benefited by his trip.

## CROKER AS A BREEDER.

The Tammany Chieflain Buys Half of the Belle Meade Farm.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 16.—The sensation of today in this city is the purchase of a half interest in the great stud farm Belle Meade by the Hon. Richard Croker of Tammany fame. Mr. Croker came here directly after the inauguration as the guest of Gen. W. H. Jackson, who attended the inauguration and the swearing in of his brother, Howell E. Jackson as supreme judge. He had been thinking for some time of buying a stock farm and one object of his trip to the south was to see in which of the two states of Kentucky or Tennessee he would prefer to locate. He stopped in Kentucky and looked around, but after seeing Tennessee, and after talking over the matter with General Jackson they came to the conclusion that union was the best thing they could decide. The terms of the sale are not publicly announced, but are about as follows: Mr. Croker pays \$250,000 for a half interest in the stock of Belle Meade and General Jackson remains in charge as general manager at a salary of \$5,000 a year. General Jackson is also paid \$10 a month for the keep of each brood mare and \$12 a month for the keep of each stallion. There are over 100 brood mares at Belle Meade and the stallions are Lusk, Blackburn, Enquirer, Tremont, Great Tom, Clarion, Inspector B and Loyalist.

## RIBOT NAILS A LIE.

He Denies Having Promised to Keep the Identity of X.

PARIS, March 16.—In the chamber of deputies today M. Ribot, the premier, denounced as abominable the rumors in the newspapers to the effect that he had made a bargain with Madame Cottu not to reveal the name of the "X" concerned in the Panama bribery charges, being mentioned in the Bleditch list of checks given by Cornelius Herz to Andreux, and that "X" was the ambassador of a friendly power, whose name the counsel for Henry Cottu was about to state in court. M. Ribot said that as soon as he heard the rumors he addressed a communication to the president of the bar committee saying that counsel before leading himself to such a scandal, ought



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to remember that he was a Frenchman. "The president of the bar committee," M. Ribot continued, "spoke to the counsel for M. Cottu and the counsel denied that he had any intention of naming the ambassador, being convinced that the personage in question had nothing to do with the Panama corruption."

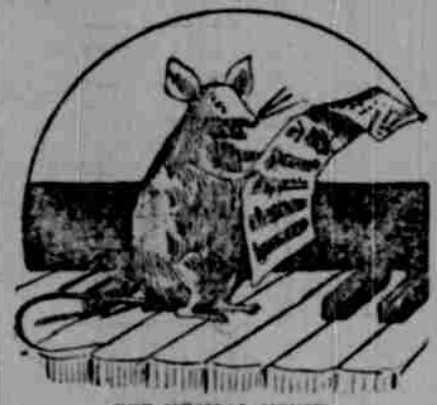
ADMIRAL HARMONY RETIRED. He Was Appointed From Pennsylvania in 1847.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Rear Admiral David B. Harmony is relieved from command of the Asiatic station and ordered home. He was appointed from Pennsylvania in 1847 and has had twenty-one years' sea service.

Rear Admiral Irwin, the new commandant of the Mare island navy yard, has been ordered to relieve Admiral Harmony. Admiral Harmony's retirement will promote Commodore Weaver to rear admiral.

A MUSICAL MOUSE. It Was Right at Home When the Keys Were Struck.

There are many strange things that get inside a piano, while in use, that might unfold an interesting tale were it only endowed with the gift of speech; but nothing more strange has been discovered, or is so unlikely a part of the instrument, than the tiny mouse that was found the other day by a couple of



THE MUSICAL MOUSE.

workmen in a Detroit music store snugly domiciled under the key-boards, when they opened for repairs a piano that had been out for some time on loan. The rodent had built for itself a warm nest of felt which it had nibbled from the hammers and the circular felt pads below them. Having got thus far, it had gone to work and laid in a store of provisions sufficient to last it throughout the winter, the entire space below the key-board being filled with wheat and Indian corn. The only way the stores can be accounted for is that the piano must have been left in a shed or a barn for some time before being shipped, and that while there the mouse had taken up its quarters in it. The mouse was a rather pretty one of its kind, having a fawn-colored back and white belly. It was tame enough to be caught without any trouble, and one of the workmen says he will take it home as a playmate for his children.

EMERALD MINING. Primitive Implements Used in the Andes Mountains.

"The emerald mines," says Albert Millican, in Travels and Adventures of an Old-World Hunter, "lie in a basin surrounded by high mountains in the form of a circle. These mines are now the property of the government of Colombia, which rents them to a company employing five or six overseers and about four hundred native workmen."

"The means used for working them are very primitive, but they yield every year a large amount of precious stones, which are immediately shipped to Europe."

"The band of rock containing the precious crystals is more than a thousand feet high, formed of black shale refined with grits of iron. Very few emeralds are found in the black stone, but by cutting down the face of the immense precipitous veins of white stone are uncovered; this is known as calcite, a crystallized form of carbonate of lime. The emeralds are sometimes embedded, and sometimes found in hollow cavities, and the work of cutting down the side of the rock is done by natives, mostly with a crowbar."

"A piece of rock a yard wide is selected, running the whole length of the mine, on the top this is cut down a few yards, and then another level of the same is begun again at the top, until the whole breast of the rock appears to be a monster staircase, the broken rubbish having been thrown down to the bottom of the precipice."

"On the opposite bank from the spot where the emeralds are taken out a stream of water is kept running by means of sluices in a reservoir, and as the sluices are opened, every fifteen minutes, the water is allowed to rush down the rocks with great force, the torrent clearing away all the broken stone thrown down by the miners since the last discharge."

A Woman's Word.

Rho—No, I cannot marry you. He—But you have shown me so much regard.

"Yes, I respect you very much; I will be a sister to you. More I cannot be."

"But you will be a sister to me?" "Yes, gladly."

"Then just bring me my stick and hat, and hold my overcoat for me—you might as well brush it. Do not wear that horrid little apron any more. Buy a good steel and I may take you to the

theater some night next week. Here is a kiss for you in the meantime."

"What do you mean, sir?" "I am merely taking up my part of brother."

No False Modesty. "Harold, papa calls you a fortune hunter. I'm sorry I'm rich."

"So am I. Everybody will say that you bought me a life."

Senatorial Robes. One or two of the oldest senators are said to favor the idea of senators wearing silk gowns while in session, like supreme court judges.

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S. M. B. Bible Class. This class will meet at the residence of Vestryman Francis Letellier, No. 182 Lyon street, southwest corner of Ransom, at 7:45 p. m., tonight (Friday). Most cordial invitation and hearty welcome extended to all who can come.

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People's Fanny City Convention. The city convention of the people's party, for the purpose of nominating a city ticket and transacting such other business as may come before it, will convene on Thursday evening, March 23, 1933, at 7:30 o'clock at Good Templars' hall, in the McMullen block, corner South Division and Island streets. Each ward is entitled to five delegates.

Wards are requested to call their respective caucuses for the selection of delegates and nomination of ward officers on or before the evening of March 22, 1933.

JACOB TAZELAAR, Secretary. RALPH TRENT, Chairman.

LAST EVENING'S LECTURE. Dr. S. Clay Todd attended the lecture of the Ladies' Literary club last evening and was highly entertained by the lecture of the world famous Miss Susan B. Anthony on the subject nearer her heart, "Woman Suffrage." After the lecture he was introduced to Miss Anthony, and was greatly pleased to receive her gracious "Oh, thank you, thank you," in answer to his remark. Miss Anthony was happily introduced by Mrs. S. G. Ketchum who also stated that "this was the last of the first course of lectures of the Women's Literary club, and the first course of lectures ever projected by women in this city." She might also have added that it was a success financially and otherwise, judging from the densely packed audience room with their intelligent faces.—Evening Press, March 12.

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200 dozen extra quality, fast black, Seamless Hose, the 20c quality, at.....11 1/2c a pair  
200 dozen more of the same quality Handkerchiefs as last week, beautifully embroidered, the 15c kind, at.....9c each  
100 dozen pure linen Huck Towels, extra large, value 30c, will go at.....19c each  
69 dozen bottles pure Amonia, for toilet, bath and laundry use, at.....7c each, 3 for 20c  
Kirk's Shandon Bells Soap and Juvenile Soap, worth 25c, for.....12 1/2c a cake  
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